

HO-1060

Humphrey-Miller House

1470 Woodstock Road

Private

#### Description

The Humphrey-Miller House is a two-story, four-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney in the center of the dwelling. The house is banked into the hill on the northwest, with the southeast basement mostly exposed. There is a wrap-around porch on the southeast and southwest elevations, with a shed roof that has asphalt shingles. The southeast side of the porch has been enclosed at both the basement and first story levels. All of the windows are new one-over-one sash. The southwest elevation has a typical window and a door in the gable end of the first story. The northeast elevation has a door on the first story, set north of center, which opens onto a modern pressure-treated wood deck.

#### Significance

Woodstock storekeeper George Humphrey acquired part of the land on which the Humphrey-Miller House sits in 1893, for only \$100, and another portion of the property in 1910 for \$400. The house does not seem to be on any part of the first lot. Nine years later he purchased a third lot, and during this time broke up and reconfigured these lots, creating a one-acre tract on which the current house sits. Humphrey sold the lot to Guy and Florence Miller in 1923, and they immediately mortgaged the property for \$3,500. This suggests that the house had already been constructed on the site, undoubtedly by Humphrey. Most of the houses Humphrey built in the 1890s and first decade of the 1900s had a cross gable, while the nearby tenant house at 1455 Woodstock Road did not. The house he sold to the Millers has more in common with that tenant house, suggesting that Humphrey built it for a tenant, probably in the 1910s, and later decided to sell it.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1060

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic      Humphrey-Miller House

other

### 2. Location

street and number    1470 Woodstock Road      ☐ not for publication

city, town      Woodstock      ☐ vicinity

county      Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name      Isabel Peters & Jeffrey Peters

street and number    1470 Woodstock Road      telephone

city, town      Woodstock      state    MD      zip code    21163

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.    Howard County Courthouse      liber    1652 folio    487

city, town      Ellicott City      tax map    11      tax parcel    11      tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing      Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1      buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0      sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0      structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 0      objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1      Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent      ☐ deteriorated  
☐ good          ☐ ruins  
☒ fair           ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Humphrey-Miller House is located at 1470 Woodstock Road in Woodstock, in north-central Howard County, Maryland. It sits on the northwest side of the road, very close to the road, and faces southeast toward the road. The site is a rather steep hill that slopes down to the southeast, and it is heavily wooded behind the house.

The house is a two-story, four-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney in the center of the dwelling. The house is banked into the hill on the northwest, with the southeast basement mostly exposed. There is a wrap-around porch on the southeast and southwest elevations, with a shed roof that has asphalt shingles. The southeast side of the porch has been enclosed at both the basement and first story levels. All of the windows are new one-over-one sash.

The southeast elevation of the enclosed porch has no openings in the basement and has two typical windows in the first story. The second story has four typical windows. There is a squat box cornice covered with aluminum. The southwest elevation has a typical window and a door in the gable end of the first story. The porch has square wood posts with new lattice used as a balustrade. The second story has a typical sash set west of center. There is a triangular vent at the gable peak.

The northeast elevation has a door on the first story, set north of center, which opens onto a modern pressure-treated wood deck. The second story has a typical sash set north of center. There is a triangular vent at the gable peak.

There is a modern garage to the northeast of the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1910-20

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Millers sold the house back to Humphrey after only three years, and he probably continued to lease it out until 1933, when it was purchased by Robert and Icey Platt. They owned it for over 20 years before selling it to the current owners in 1954.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.081 A  
Acreage of historical setting 1.081 A  
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 11, parcel 11, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

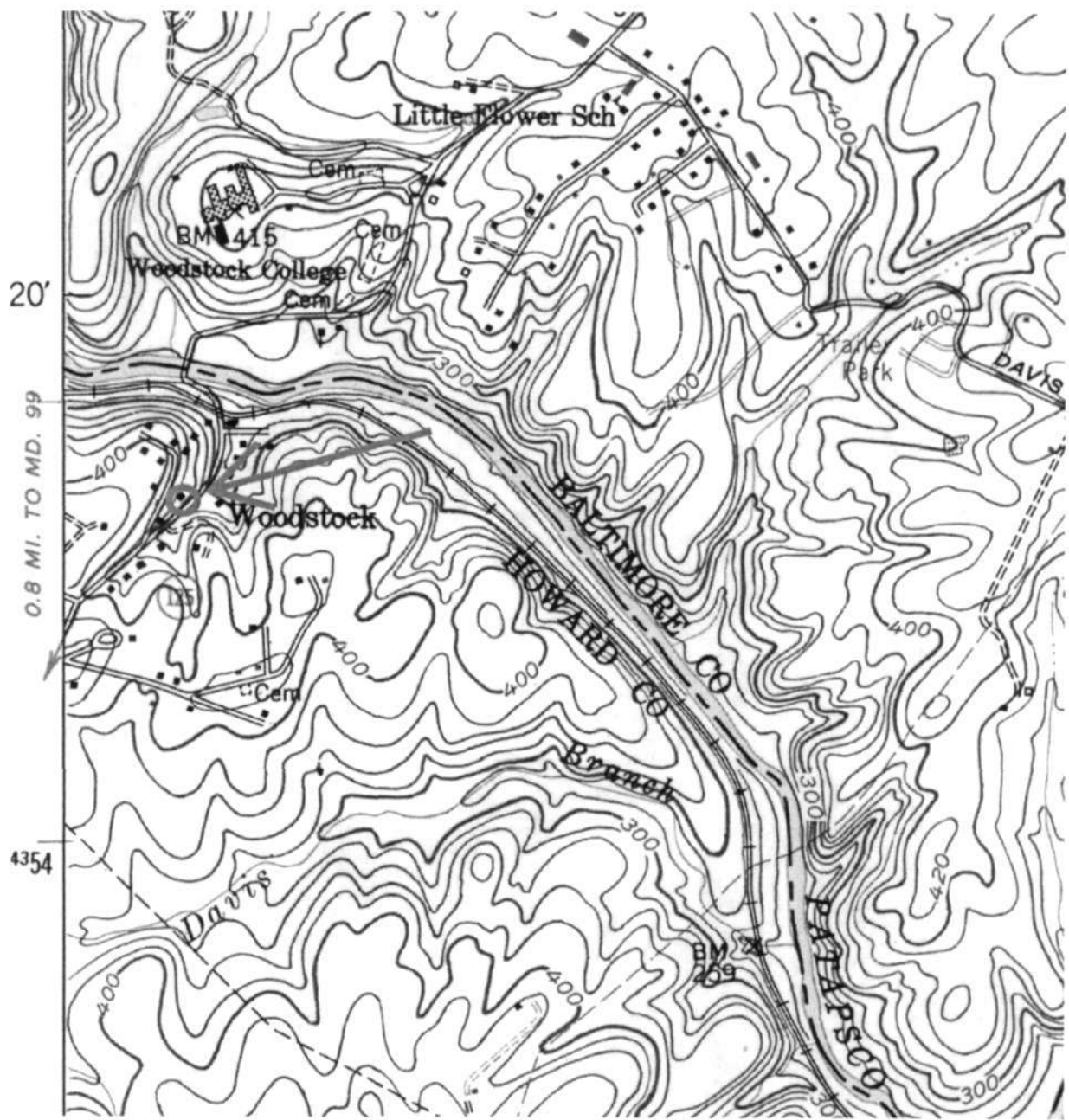
## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Humphrey-Miller House  
1470 Woodstock Road  
Ellicott City quad

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Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest & southeast elevations

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